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Roll Call
Dennis Smith – Chair
Dana DeFranco – Vice-Chair
Cynthia Ortegon
DJ Becker
Emmanuel Gomez
Tim Riche
Muhammad Latif

PUBLIC COMMENT:
The first fifteen minutes of the meeting are reserved for Members of the public to address the Council on items which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Council. Speakers shall be limited to three minutes. Speakers will be asked to identify themselves and state the subject of their comment. If the subject is an item on the Agenda, the Chairperson has the option of asking the speaker to hold the comment until that item is called. Comments on items listed as a Public Hearing on the Agenda should be held until the hearing is opened. The Council is prohibited by law from taking any action on matters discussed that are not on the Agenda, and no adverse conclusions should be drawn if the Council does not respond to public comment at this time.

Business Matters
1. Approval of Minutes – Meeting of December 19, 2017
2. Discussion on participation in the 2018 Madera District Fair-Wendy Silva
3. Oral reports by Staff and Advisory Board Members
Adjournment

Next Regular Meeting of the Madera ADA Advisory Council will be Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 3:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

I, Diana Rosas, HR Technician II for the City of Madera, declare under penalty of perjury that I posted the above Madera ADA Advisory Council Agenda for the Regular Meeting of February 20, 2018, near the front entrances of City Hall no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 15, 2018.

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Diana Rosas, HR Technician II Date

ALL CITY EMPLOYEES AND THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND
A regular meeting of the Madera ADA Advisory Council was scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 19, 2017, in the City Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL:

**PRESENT:**
- Dennis Smith, Chair
- Staff
- Emmanuel Gomez
- Wendy Silva
- Dana DeFranco, Vice Chair
- Tim Riche
- DJ Becker

**OTHERS PRESENT:** None

**ABSENT:** Cynthia Ortegon

Chairperson Dennis Smith called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Business Matters

1. Approval of Minutes – October 17, 2017. Council Member Riche moved to approve the minutes; motion seconded by Council Member Gomez. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Presentation on Emergency Shelter Operations-Katrina Poitras, American Red Cross-Katrina came to talk about what sheltering is all about and how it affects Madera County. Katrina provided a facility survey. She explained that the Red Cross starts out by looking at each site as to how they qualify to become a shelter during a disaster. A group of people including Red Cross, health services, public health, police department, sheriff’s department, and anybody that would be involved when it comes to a disaster, go out and do surveys on facilities. Katrina stated that one big thing right now is ADA compliance. Madera County has 12-15 locations that have already been surveyed and “typed.” Type 1 is the best shelter you can have all ADA compliance, multiple rooms, cafeteria, etc. to a type 5, a type 5 is a location that is being used for evacuation only. Anything in between may not be ADA compliant, may not have showers. If not ADA compliant it must be made ADA compliant. At that point orders are put in to get ADA equipment such as showers, ramps, etc. Depending on what
type the shelter is saves time because Red Cross already knows what it is lacking then gets what is needed ahead of time. The typing also lets Red Cross know how many people can be placed at the facilities. Large number shelters have shrunk due to ADA compliance. Typing is key. Anyone at Red Cross can be reached 24/7 and are on speed dial. Council Member Becker asked how many beds are available. Ms. Poitras stated 400 per trailer with direct access up to a couple thousand that Red Cross can get from other Counties. They are considered response trailers that come with cots, blankets, comfort kits, etc. They also have a medical trailer with durable equipment such as walkers, wheel chairs, etc. The trailers would service 100 people. The buildings in Madera as far as capacity for senior and disabled go off the survey; if the survey says 100 people then the estimates for senior and disabled is 10%. Different cots are provided for different types of people; health services comes in to see what else is needed. The facilities in Madera include: St. Joachim’s, Johns Wells Youth Center, All Schools and Pan Am. Lots of Churches are used, Community Centers and VFW Halls. They are getting ready to start the facility surveys for next year for use of other resources or facilities They will either get added or taken off the list depending on the typing. Council Member Becker asked how Madera is compared to other cities when it comes to availability and space. Ms. Poitras stated that Madera in the Mountains is really good, has large selection for wild fires, with schools and 4 other sites but they are always looking for more facilities. Council Member Becker stated that at the ADA Council booth at the Madera Fair there was a high degree of interest on where would one go during a wild fire. Ms. Poitras stated that she has a team that is pre planning for the fire season and know what to do if something would happen. Ms. Poitras stated that they would love any suggestions on buildings, or volunteers. Berry Folkum, also with Red Cross, stepped in and stated that the majority of staff, 91%-95% are volunteers from local areas; our local citizens are the ones making sure the residents are taken care of. The Central Valley Red Cross Chapter would get resources here within hours not days with the help of many partners. Locations can be tough, that is what Katrina and her team focus on year-round. The Red Cross is already working with the City, County, etc. to find these locations, and is open for input on shelters. Council Member Smith asked if there were a disaster how would one find a shelter? Mr. Folkum stated that the database through the website and Red Cross app will show all the emergency facilities through the United States or direct you to the closest shelter.

3. Review of Proposed Bylaw Amendment and Consideration of Minute Order Recommending the Proposed Bylaw Change Regarding Meeting Time to the City Council- Wendy stated that the purposed change to the bylaws were to change the meeting time from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. if the ADA Council would still like to move in that direction then that it can be done by minute order. Council Member DeFranco made a motion to recommend the change to the bylaws, motion seconded by Council Member Riche. Motion passed unanimously. Wendy stated that it will go to the City
Council for consideration and if approved the January meeting will begin at the new 3:30 p.m. time.

4. Discussion on purchasing ADA flags- Council Members Smith and Becker purchased flags and donated about $50 each. There is a need in the community to promote ADA but we are constrained on how to use public funds. Council Member Becker asked if the Police Department can assist with distributing flags. The issue is that the flags are about six feet and may not fit in the Police vehicles. Wendy stated that we can let them know that they are available and they can find a way to manage on passing them out, but we have to go through the Chief to see if the department is ok with doing so. Council Member Smith also suggested to drop flags off to Frank Bergon Center. Wendy stated that Frank Bergon and Pan Am both have senior programing during the day and suggested to drop by during the day. Council Member DeFranco suggested Hartland as well.

5. Oral reports by Staff and Advisory Board Members- Council Member Becker asked where we stood with the Post Office, any new news. Wendy stated that she has not heard anything since the last update on contractors visiting to give estimates. The Postmaster will probably provide an update when the next step occurs; the State and Federal government probably have more processes to go through. Council Member Becker stated that the Swap Meat has about 30 nicely marked handicapped spaces. Council Member Smith is going to ask Tom the manager of the fair who was in charge of that so a thank you can be sent.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,                          Accepted,

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Diana Rosas                                        Dennis Smith, Chair
Human Resources Technician II

Date:__________                                      Date:__________